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(b) if so, what the salient features of the draft Bill are and when it will be introduced in the Assembly?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : After all it is a small Bill and why are the Government delaying its introduction? Is it because of the influence of big hotel owners that the Government are delaying its introduction?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Again, this is the usual insinuation that is indulged in by the hon. Member. This Government is not interested in the hotel owners or anybody else. From his knowledge and experience, the hon. Member should know that, though it is easy to draft a very simple Bill, the Government have to look into all aspects carefully and draft the Bill so that it may stand the test of law. That is why it takes a little time.

Shifting of the office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kasaragod, to Mangalore

* 190 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kasargod, to some other place in the district outside Kasargod taluk; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (a) Yes, Sir. Orders have since been issued approving the proposal of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for shifting the office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kasargod, to Mangalore with jurisdiction over Puthur taluk, Panamangalore and Buntwal Firkas of the Mangalore taluk and Kollegal taluk of the Coimbatore district and for merging Kasargod taluk with the Malabar (North) Circle; and

(b) the reasons for the shifting are as follows :—

(i) Under the impending reorganization of States, Kasargod taluk in the South Kanara district has to be merged with the Kerala State and the rest of the South Kanara district has to be merged with the Mysore State.

(ii) The Seventh South Kanara district Co-operative Conference had requested for this change.

(iii) The shifting has been made to secure an efficient supervision and administration of the societies.

(iv) Mangalore, being the headquarters of the district, commands better facilities and all the Government District Offices and Central Co-operative Institutions, etc., are also located at Mangalore.

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(v) The areas of Belthangudy and Puthur taluks have easier access to Mangalore than to Kasargod.

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : While shifting the offices, may I know whether the allocation of staff to Malabar area was also made?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : The Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies has to do it.

Dr. K. B. MENON : I understand that one of the Inspectors of Weavers' Societies has been shifted from Kasargod to the Mangalore area where there are no weavers at all. Will the Government consider retransferring him to the area where there are weavers?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : I shall enquire into the matter.

Taluk Headquarters Hospitals, South Kanara

* 191 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any provision has been made in the State Plan of the Second Five-Year Plan for improvements to Taluk Headquarters Hospitals in South Kanara;

(*b*) if so, whether any provision has been made to the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Kasargode; and

(*c*) if so, the amount so provided?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) Rs. 1,55,000.

Unauthorized occupation of house-sites on natham poramboke lands

* 192 *Q.*—Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri M. Jagannathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 28th April 1956 regarding the exemption of the Harijans of Siruvadi village from the levy of penalties for occupying house-sites on Natham poramboke lands, and the assignment of those house-sites to them; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.